

## Troop 216 Committee Meeting

June 11, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by Annette Schoeberle.

**In attendance:** Steve Dunning, Diane Gill, Gary Gill, Steve Kupsy, Mike O’Koniewski, Dan Ruark, Annette Schoeberle, Bob Schoeberle, Wes Searcy, Tim Valley, Phillippe Welsh, and Beverly West

**Secretary Report:** Previous meeting minutes were reviewed and approved. Tim Valley moved for approval, Steve Dunning seconded, unanimous approval.

**Treasurers Report:** Tim Valley and Steve Dunning reviewed the May 2016 treasurers report and discussed a cash flow report for the period 1 January 2015 through 31 May 2016. Several topics were discussed:

- The committee discussed how we could better track cash flow by changing how we account for dues, rechartering fees, and scout account flows. Tim and Steve said they were open to other ideas about how to track Troop finances. Wes Searcy offered to provide some background on how he tracked finances in a former role as a troop treasurer. No specific changes were decided on at this meeting.
- Tim and Steve cautioned that the cash flow report as it currently stood remained a work in progress. However, it is a useful way to look at Troop finances and identify trends early. Committee members agreed it was a good idea and encouraged further work.
- Tim and Steve noted that scout account balances were down on average. This was at least partially explained by
  1. recent expenses for dues and camp fees;
  2. no recent fundraising; and
  3. a large number of scouts aging out and liquidating their funds.
- Third quarter dues are coming due in July and the Troop will need to collect from between six to eight scouts (dues are collected at the beginning of each quarter for scouts who pay quarterly).
- Gary Gill asked if any scouts were in arrears. The answer is only a couple of scouts who recently crossed over, and the SPL can talk to them about it.

**Activities Chair Report:** Diane Gill gave the Activities Chair report:

- Warren Levis Campout
  - For future reference, on the shooting range, 17 scouts and four adults shot; they spent three hours on the range; 800 rounds were fired; and 65 targets were used. The rifles had magazines. Thanks to Natasha McClintock for being largely responsible for setting up this event, which went well, was well run, and was at a nice location.
  - The NESA logistics were typically chaotic but everything worked out.
  - Departure on Sunday was later than the campers would have preferred.
- Memorial Day Flag Placement went well and was very organized. Thanks to John Evans for getting the map of veterans’ graves. It was noted that the cemetery is running low on good condition flags and it was suggested that the Committee might consider buying the cemetery new flags. No action was taken on this.

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- The Quail Lake campout is set for the weekend of 10-12 June. Seventeen boys and six adults are signed up. Mr. Gill plans to have a Patrol Leaders Conference during the campout to plan activities for the rest of the year.
- Summer Camp
  - Dates are July 24-30 . Permission slips, physicals, and insurance cards are due from scouts and adults attending camp by July 11. Permission slips will go out to scouts by late June.
  - Annette sent the summer camp leaders guide to all the adults attending summer camp, so that we can address any issues and customize permission slips in advance.
  - Seventeen scouts, four full-time adults, and two part-time adults plan to attend.
  - Parents night and Order of the Arrow callout is Thursday, July 28 at 5 PM. Attendees should bring their own dinner.
  - Swim tests will be conducted there by the camp. The committee discussed having swim practice prior to camp. Camp Joy was one possibility discussed but no decision was made.
  - The Glen Carbon Fire Department offered to give CPR training to scouts and adults. It takes about three hours and costs \$5 each. They can 12 to 16 people at once. Gary Gill suggested scouts get first opportunity for training, followed by adults. The committee decided on Diane's suggestion that it will promote the opportunity at the June 13 scout meeting and have the training on June 20; scouts who don't do the training will have a regular scout meeting.
- We have Council events coming up like Rendezvous and we need the boys to consider these when they do the PLC.
- The adult only permission slip is ready for use. Phillippe Welsh said he would put it on the troop website.

**Advancement Chair Report:** John Evans provided the committee with advancement reports but was unable to attend the meeting. In our last committee meeting, John noted that we had some scouts who have not advanced in a long time and he suggested we begin asking those scouts if they were aware of their advancement status and whether there was something we could do to help them advance in rank. To this end, Gary reported he had spoken to one of the boys and paired him up with Chris Robinson to act as a mentor. John also conveyed the need for the Camp Warren Levis attendance records.

**Council/District Representative Report:** Wes Searcy reported there was a lull in Council activity now that summer had arrived. There are no roundtables until September.

**Senior Patrol Leader Report:** John S. was not present and no scout attended in his place.

**Fundraising Chair Report:** Camp Cards are still available. The Committee noted that Sheri Verstraete no longer wished to serve as Fundraising Chair.

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**Quartermaster Report:** John Evans provided a written report to the Committee since he could not attend. The Committee discussed the following matters:

- The Committee discussed the feasibility of getting the Quartermaster a debit card to streamline purchasing supplies and materials. However, it is our understanding that we can't do that according to the bank. The issue was tabled for now.
- Gary said he wanted the scouts to pull out our canopy covers before summer camp and determine their condition. At least one is in bad shape and needs to be replaced. He will take measurements and look into getting a replacement.

**Scoutmaster Report:** Gary Gill reported the following:

- The Warren Levis campout went well, although the camp site was uneven and they departed later than hoped on Sunday.
- He and Max Maier are getting prices on the backpacks and stoves the Committee approved for purchase.
- He knows of one scout who plans to leave scouting and another who is considering it. In the first case, the scout doesn't like camping. Gary is also aware of some cases when scouts used loud voices and/or were disrespectful to one another; he is also keeping an eye on that, and he reminded adult leaders that while we must emphasize good behavior, we cannot discipline scouts. He also stated he will not allow scouts to take corners off other scout's cards; that right is reserved for adults if necessary.
- Gary reported that Jack G.'s Eagle Scout Board of Review is June 12 and that Jim A. wants a scoutmaster conference at the next scout meeting for his Eagle rank.
- Gary reported that the Glen Carbon Police Department has eight bikes that Danny S. can include in his Eagle Scout project.
- Gary recognized Mr. O'Koniewski and welcomed him to the meeting.
- Gary thanked Wes Searcy and Venturing Crew 2039 for the help and mentoring on Jack G.'s Eagle project.
- Gary suggested we try doing boy-led mock Eagle boards of review to prepare Eagle Scout candidates for their boards.

**Committee Chair Report:** Annette Schoeberle reported several topics:

- Troop 216 neckerchiefs: Annette is leaning toward the Council supplier because they are local and she is working to get a quantity discount. She and Steve Dunning will work to finalize a cost estimate. Our next Court of Honor (COH) is in October and she would like to have new neckerchiefs available by then. The current plan is to give scouts the standard BSA neckerchief when their first rank is achieved and then give them the Troop neckerchief at the next scheduled COH.

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- Annette also reported the Class B t-shirts have been ordered and should be delivered this week.
- She sent an email out earlier in the week regarding annual health forms. She noted a media release was now included in the forms and that completion of Parts A and B were part of rank advancement requirements.
- She reported the website has a members-only link but many scouts don't have the password. Currently, almost only the minutes are password protected. However, we can legally post the minutes online for everybody if we wish. Bob Schoeberle moved we post the minutes on the website and 1) do not passwordprotect them so that everyone can read them, 2) post them only after Committee approval, and 3) give scout names only as first name, last initial. Phillippe Welsh seconded, motion passed.
- Annette also noted the main group photo on the website is out of date and needs to be replaced. Phillippe reported he has been working on the site to make sure everything works. He is investigating the feasibility of reworking the site to make it less vulnerable to hosting/spreading viruses.
- The 10th Anniversary Celebration subcommittee met on June 2 to discuss planning for the Troop's 10th Anniversary. The subcommittee determined 5 PM August 7 was the best date/time for the event. It will be held at the K of C shelter behind St. Cecilia's. The Troop will provide burgers and brats and ask attendees to bring side dishes. Annette will look into using Signup Genius to gather RSVPs and track side dishes. The subcommittee is looking at a variety of data sources to build an invitation roster. Several ways to socialize the event were discussed but not specific plan of action was decided.

**New Business:** None.

**Charter Organization Representative Report:** Bob Schoeberle that Gary Gill, Annette Schoeberle, Laura Rose, Sam Trauernicht, he, and Father Al Allen met to discuss the Troop potentially chartering with St. Cecilia's. These were his main points:

- Everyone agreed that non-Catholics would remain welcome with the Troop if it chartered with the Church. Father Al questioned Troop committee members on its organization and if we conformed to Catholic values, which committee members interpreted to mean Christian values. Father Al was very interested in how we promote the "reverent scout."
- Father Al didn't understand why we met at Liberty School during the school year and he would be interested in us always meeting at the church.
- It was understood that the BSA chartering agreement would be the sole agreement between the Troop and the Church. However, all Troop leaders would have to take the "Protecting God's Children" youth protection program. The Troop would not fall under the Catholic youth program. Father Al or his appointee would be the Chartered Organization Representative.
- Troop assets would transfer in ownership from the Knights of Columbus to the Church.
- Father Al would be interested in the Troop participating more in Church events, such as coming to Mass after campouts.

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- Father Al will pray on this and let us know his thoughts. He has a 40-year history in Scouting and is a former Scoutmaster. He is interested in coming to our next committee meeting. The Troop committee discussed Bob's report. The committee agreed that the Troop must remain fully inclusive in all respects if it charts with the Church. Bob will continue working this issue with help from Gary and Annette. The talks are proceeding well and the Committee thanked everyone for working on this.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Schoeberle, seconded by Phillippe Welsh, approved.